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American troops are being landed almost daily here. The vessels bringing these troops disembark them at San José Wharf, which is on the Habana side of the harbor, and almost in every instance these vessels with the troops remain twenty-four hours at said wharf.

San José Wharf lies to the northward of Tallapiedra, the navy-yard intervening; it is without doubt infected. The piers at which these transports lie have always been used by Spanish steamers plying between ports in Spain and Habana. The warehouses immediately connected with these wharves have never been occupied by Spanish troops, but those lying to the southward, and which are now being used for the storing of commissary supplies by our Government are said to have been so used at one time. To land quartermaster supplies at this wharf is a dangerous undertaking, particularly broken packages, and this will occur in every cargo brought here.

Two transports, *Minnewaska* and *Roumanian*, carrying medical officers of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, have disembarked their troops and discharged their cargoes at this wharf, remaining there over night under protest of these officers. In issuing bills of health for all such vessels, I have stated that the wharf was infected and that not only troops had left the vessels and returned to them after going ashore but some of the crew had done the same thing. I believe that all such vessels going to ports in the Southern States should be disinfected at ports of arrival.

One case of yellow fever has developed on the American schooner *James Slater*, which vessel discharged her cargo of lumber at Tallapiedra Wharf. This vessel, which sails for Pascagoula, will stop at the Tortugas Quarantine Station.

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Mortality of the city of Habana for the week ended Thursday, December 15, 1898.*

Causes of death.	Total.
Yellow fever.....	2
Enteric fever.....	29
Pernicious fever.....	13
Malarial fever.....	41
Dysentery.....	15
Enteritis.....	60
Grippe.....	3
Starvation.....	3
Pneumonia.....	9
Tuberculosis.....	44
Deaths from all causes.....	409
Deaths in the military hospitals from yellow fever.....	1
Deaths in the city hospitals from yellow fever.....	0
Deaths in the city from yellow fever.....	1
Annual ratio per 1,000.....	106.34

#### INDIA.

*Cholera sporadic in Madras.*

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Calcutta, November 3, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that on August 11, 1898, I received a telegram from the consular agent at Madras, saying, "Cholera officially

declared to exist in Madras in epidemic form," and immediately cabled the Department of State "Cholera epidemic Madras."

I am in receipt of a telegram from the consular agent there dated October 27 ultimo, saying, "Cholera now declared in sporadic form only in Madras," and I trust it may soon disappear altogether.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

R. F. PATTERSON,  
*United States Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

*Sanitary report from Yokohama.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *November 18, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose, herewith, my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan, for period October 21 to November 17 of present year.

The epidemic of dysentery seems to persist into the cooler weather more than in any former season, nearly the entire empire now appears saturated with the poison of this disease, and we can fairly anticipate its annual recurrence.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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